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1. Ben Mandel (Senate Internal Security Subcommittee) called and requested the materials which he had previously requested from USIA. (See Journals of 18 and 19 March.) These items are being sent.

2. Mr. Mandel also asked if we knew anything about [redacted] 50X11
[redacted] who is alleged to have revealed the names of a number of individual 50X1
whose identities would be of interest to Mandel's Subcommittee. He also indicated
that there is an article on [redacted] in a recent issue of the magazine, [redacted] 50X1
[redacted] Mandel said he was wondering if the Subcommittee could have him appear
as a witness. He was advised that we would look into the matter and contact him.
(A similar request was received from Mr. Sourwine yesterday - see Journal of
19 March.)

3. Talked with [redacted] Deputy Chief of the Benefits and Casualty
Division, Office of Personnel, concerning our conversations with Charles Johnson,
Counsel of the House Committee on Post Office and Civil Service, about health
insurance and overseas medical benefit legislation now pending in Congress. It
was suggested that [redacted] office review these bills, particularly H. R. 208
and H. R. 5178, inasmuch as we shall undoubtedly be required to take a position
on them in the not too distant future.

4. A letter to Chairman Tom Murray (D., Tenn.) of the House Post Office
and Civil Service Committee requesting changes in section 2 of H. R. 1870 was
prepared and signed by the Director. The letter suggested that section 2 be
revised so as to preserve the Director's authority under section 102(c) of the
National Security Act. This letter was cleared by telephone with Mr. Jim Hyde
in the Bureau of the Budget. However, prior to its delivery to the Committee
staff, Mr. Hyde called and withdrew his clearance. He indicated that the
Administration's position on this legislation had not been fully developed, and
although the Bureau had no objection to our request, he did not want to clear our
letter until the Bureau had considered all aspects of this bill. He also indicated
that the Committee had decided to postpone hearings on H. R. 1870 until after the
Easter recess. We shall keep in touch with Mr. Hyde on this matter.

5. Talked with Mr. Francis Rosenberger, assistant chief clerk of the
Senate Judiciary Committee, concerning S. 355 which was reported out by the
Judiciary Committee and passed by the Senate on Wednesday night. This bill
would amend Title 18 of the Code to prohibit the use of names inferring Federal

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connection by collection agencies, investigation agencies and certain other private organizations. Reference was made to conversations with the clerk of the Committee concerning this bill in February, and his opinion at that time was that the bill would not be acted upon (see Journal of 6 February 1959). Our problem with organizations such as the California Intelligence Agency was pointed out to Mr. Rosenberger. It was also indicated that if the bill had prohibited the use of initials inferring Federal connection it might solve our problem. Mr. Rosenberger indicated that the chief clerk, Mr. Davis, had made no notation of our conversation, but Rosenberger agreed that the addition of the word "initials" would be desirable in the bill. He suggested that we try to have this change made by the House Committee.

When approached on the subject of S. 355, Mr. Murray Drabkin, counsel to the House Judiciary Committee, indicated his Committee's position regarding this bill had ^{not} been developed, however, he made a notation of our conversation and agreed that the suggested addition was a desirable one and also suggested that we write the Committee a letter on the matter. This is being done.

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6. Delivered to Fred Mesmer, Senate Immigration Subcommittee, a blind memorandum on [redacted]

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7. After making arrangements with Mrs. Guilfoyle, Senate Committee on Astronautics and Space Sciences, the transcript of the hearing before the Committee on 18 March 1959 was picked up by courier and delivered to Mr.

[redacted] Mrs. Guilfoyle said they had only three copies and as the Senators had not as yet seen the transcript, they would appreciate having it back as soon as possible.

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